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DISTRICT MAN CONVICTED IN SLAYING - Shooting Followed Dispute Involving Parked Car -

WASHINGTON - Ronald B. Wynn, 36, of the District, has been convicted of manslaughter while armed in the killing of another District resident following a dispute over a parked car on July 28, 2008, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

A jury in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia returned the verdict on Sept. 9, 2010 after a five-day trial. The jury found Wynn guilty of manslaughter while armed and a related firearms offense for shooting and killing the decedent Daniel Clark.

The jury was unable to arrive at a unanimous verdict on the charges of first degree and second degree murder. The recent proceedings were a retrial of the case. In the first trial in the matter, held in March 2010, a separate D.C. Superior Court jury found Wynn guilty of obstruction of justice and certain firearms offenses related to the same killing, but was unable to come to a unanimous verdict on the murder charges.

Taking the verdicts together, Wynn faces between 20 and 40 years' imprisonment on the proven charges. The U.S. Attorney's Office has not decided whether to retry the case. Judge Herbert B. Dixon Jr., who presided over the recent trial, set a hearing for Oct. 7, 2010.

At trial, the government's evidence established that on July 28, 2008, around 7:15 p.m., Wynn drove to the 3100 block of Buena Vista Terrace, SE, and double-parked his vehicle in the middle of the street. When the decedent's wife asked Wynn to move his vehicle, he refused, and the two argued over the matter. Daniel Clark intervened, punched the defendant in the face, and the men fought briefly before being separated.

When Daniel Clark walked away, the defendant went to his nearby car, retrieved a pistol, and pursued the decedent. Once Wynn caught up with Clark, he held the pistol to the decedent's head and shot him once at close range in the head. Clark, 28, died from the gunshot wound hours later. After the shooting, Wynn fled the scene, narrowly evading the police. Wynn was located and arrested for the shooting on August 26, 2008.

At trial, Wynn testified that he acted in self-defense, asserting that in the minutes before the shooting, the victim started the fight and then rushed him while armed with a pistol.

In announcing the convictions, U.S. Attorney Machen commended the work of Metropolitan Police Department Detectives Ray Shields, Doug Carlson, Paul Regan, Anthony Patterson, and William Covington of the Homicide Branch, as well as Evidence Technicians Natasha Pettus and Dwayne Mitchell of the MPD Mobile Crime Laboratory Unit. He also commended Paralegal Specialist Kelly Blakeney, Lief Hickling of the Litigation Technology Section, Victim Witness Advocate Marcia Rinker, Victim Witness Security Specialists Michael Hailey and Laverne Forrest, and Victim Witness Services Coordinator Katina Adams. Finally, he commended Assistant U.S. Attorneys Sharad Khandelwal and Pat Martin, who prosecuted the case, and Samuel Ramer who investigated and indicted the case.

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